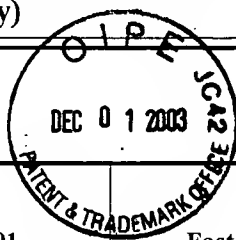


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
**THERM.1003**

In Re Application Of: **ABBOTT, et al.**



Serial No.  
**09/996,183**

Filing Date  
**November 28, 2001**

Examiner  
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**3742**

Invention: **RESISTIVE HEATERS AND USES THEREOF**

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**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of **MAY 27, 2003** in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☐ Two months    ☒ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: **August 27, 2003**  
*Date*

until: **November 27, 2003**  
*Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.  
☐ has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the extension of time is **\$475** and is to be paid as follows:

- ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **08-1391**  
☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **08-1391**

*Signature*

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Dated: **November 28, 2003**

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on **November 28, 2003** with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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